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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. In the February 2, 2004 Office action, the Examiner required restriction to one of two groups of claims and further required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (1-17 and 19-28), drawn to a method for monitoring a biological property, without traverse. Applicant has cancelled claim 18, drawn to an apparatus, while reserving the right to pursue such a claim in a subsequent divisional application.

Applicant elects pulmonary function as a species of the claimed invention related to a biological property. At least claims 1, 2, 5-17, 19, and 23 read on the elected species "pulmonary function." Note that claim 2 recites that the biological input comprises a biological specimen; claim 5 specifies that the biological specimen is, e.g., a breath; claim 6 specifies a biological input comprising, e.g., a physiological signal; and claim 7 recites that the physiological signal comprises, e.g., an exhalation or an inhalation.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's handling of this application and looks forward to a substantive Office action on the merits.

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